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ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Walls late of Chatham, Milliner, deceased are required to file the same duly attested with the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said JAMES F. CONNORS, Chatham. JAMES D. MURPHY, Administrator

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BE FURNISHED ON APPLICATION TO CHAS. A. EVERETT. Manager and Sec'y.

Miramichi Advance.

Summer Tourists and the Miramichi. There seems to be a prospect of the Miramichi coming into much greater prominence as an objective point for summer tourists than it has heretofore. We learn that it is included in the schedule of a syndicate that organizing several routes of travel in the Maritime provinces which will be offered next season at commuted rates to the thousands who seek relief from the oppressive heat of more southern centres. The chief promoter of the scheme is, we are informed, Mr. Fredk. B. Coleman, consular agent of the United States at Fredericton, and a

hotel proprietor of much experience. He was, as many of our readers know, engaged in the lumber business some years ago both on the Miramichi and elsewhere in New Brunswick, and incidentally became acquainted with the facilities of the Miramichi as attractive maritime centres-particularly those which are inviting to summer travellers and pleasure-seekers. The Canada Eastern Railway, the Canada Pacific system, and the St. John river steamboats combine make the Miramichi readily available as part of a route to Prince Edward Island heretofore beyond the reach of the summer tourist, to whom a reliable time table for his all round trip is a prime consideration. The completion of an all round route is to be made between the Miramichi and a point in Prince Edward Island-Summerside or Charlottetown-and we that Messrs. Troop of St. John propose to furnish that most important link in the chain by placing one of their that service.

routes in their schedule, a pleasant one being the Atlantic, the patrons of which will come to Eastport by the International steamers, go up the St. Croix to St. Andrews or St. Stephen thence to Fredericton by the C. P. R. down river by steamer and home by the International Line.

The Miramichi route schedule, how ever, is more extended. It will start the summer tourist from his home point and bring him to St. John, thence up the St. John River by steamer, thence across the province to the Miramichi, down the Miramichi and to Prince Edward Island by steamer, thence by steamer to Point du Chene, to St. John by I. C. R. Railway and home by rail or steamer. The service will be continuous through the summer season and its patrons may stop off from train to train or boat to boat and enjoy the fishing by river or the undertaking is one presenting great 9.35 a m. possibilities, and we have no doubt that if its promoters are encouraged by our own people as they should be, it will be the means of making the superior attractions of the Miramichi known much more widely than they are at present, and lead to an opening of the country to desirable outsiders commensurate with its undoubted merits and natural means of enjoyment as a summer resort.

Shall the Blunder be Consummated ?

majority of our townspeople, that the

evident intention of one or two mem-

bers of the Town Council to have only

permitted to prevail. It is quite

on the site of old No. 2 will

ALLIANCE, PHŒNIX OF LONDON, evident that the more prudent Alder men are not in favor of that site at all; that they know it is not in the most advantageous location; that it will cost half as much as a suitable structure elsewhere to even build a foundation, which will not even then be trust worthy; that two engine houses are required, and that one of them should be located further up town and more in the business centre. Gentleman of the council board who are themselves much interested in this subject, as business men and property owners, would, we are quite certain, not think for a BREMNER | we are quite certain, not think for a moment of going into such an undertaking on private account and spending the large sum to be raised for the purpose, without obtaining the advice of some competent man, having technical knowledge of such matters, as to where the two engines to be owned by the Town ought to be placed, and in reference to the advantage or otherwise of utilising the fresh water supply by gravitation that is at hand at the rear of the town. We are about to make a considerable expenditure for a fire establishment that is or ought to last for many years to come. Is it possible that our members of Town Council will assume that their local experiences and observation in such matters are that seems to be their view of it, or rather the less aggressive of them are permitting the preliminaries of what seems to be a great blunder to be arranged, and themselves to be committed to it, without their doing their duty by the people of the Town and insistject shall be sought. Chatham needs an engine house and public building more in the business centre of the Yown than on the mud-hole site of old hill district. Both of these indertaken together. To place

the only two owned by the town, seems

to be a proposition quite impracticable

and based on inexperience, and it is

the more absurd in view of the fact

double instalment is proposed is practi- vears hence was made apparent to the

cally out of reach of the centre of either gentlemen who had been active in conbusiness or population.

DHATHAM, N. B., - SEPTEMBER 17, 1896. Let the Council consider that if old No. 2 had not been established years ago as an engine house, no practical man would even think of it now for such ourpose, also that if we had not always accustomed to pumping salt ing to the heart to see the expression on water up out of the harbor for fire purposes, we would not now think of neglecting to avail ourselves of fresh water to run by gravition at a twenty feet head into our engines, and having them at work without moving for a thousand feet all around a circle, instead forcing water up hill, instead of down,

over only one-half of it, and meantime. If the Council proposes to persist in this blunder should not the people take the matter in hand through the medium of a public meeting?

In connection with the establishment of an efficient fire station in the ower part of the town, it must be plain to anyone at all acquainted with such matters that a great mistake i being made in the work now going on upon the site of the old "tank" on the street in front of the lower Flanagan store, so called. There is no reliable water supply there-at least none has so far been obtained—the depth from the bottom even now, after the bore hole has been cased being only about four feet. Surface water, at certain times of the year, will, of course, make it deeper, but there should be something better than that. It is probable that the largest part of \$1,000 will be expended on that work and, then, an inadequate newed or abandoned in ten or fifteen years. When it is finished the steam fire engine can pump it out at the rate of a foot of its water-depth about every six minutes. If it were full to modern and fast-running steamers on the top it would held only an hour's supply. Is it worth the money that is The promoters of the scheme we being spent on it? Is it pursuing a judicious and economical course—such a course in these important matters as was expected when our people assented

wooden tanks for fire purposes? A year or so ago an option was given to a syndicate in St. John. or some other outside place, for the purchase of the Chatham Gas Works at \$2,500. If the proposition to utilise the extensive water-springs in rear of the Town is not to be entertained, why not acquire the Gas Works? There is a solid masonry reservoir already built there which is ninety feet in diameter and ten feet deep-a supply of fresh water that could not be exhausted during the continuance of any fire that | guilty. can take place in Chatham. It is possible that the present pipes leading from the reservoir would, with repairs, such as repacking of the joints, serve for supply ing hydrants over a large portion of the seaside, the bathing, etc. Altogether Town. In any case the acquisition of that property at the price named would present great possibilities in connection with our fire service. An engine house on or near that property and practically unfailing water-supply would serve the populous "Hill" district and the second engine could be established in the business centre at or near the locality that we have so frequently suggested. We earnestly hope the Fire Committee will call a halt in their present system of spending money on work of the most primitive, flimsy and obsolete description. Let them spend a hundred or two dollars in getting competent advice, so that they may proceed with confidence in them

It is earnestly hoped by a large the confidence of those they represent.

selves, and, at the same time, command

Queens County. After all their conventions and the boasting of the local opposition forces as one engine house in Chatham, and that to what they were going to do against the Government candidate in Queens county, they failed to induce anyone to face Mr. Carpenter on Monday last Nomination took place on that day, and Mr. S. L. T. Peters of Otnabog, who was to be their standard bearer, could not b made to see why he should sacrifice him self by opposing a government that nearly everybody in New Brunswick is in favor of. The wonder is that some of or Northumberland perennial candidates didn't go there and get the customary drubbing. Queens does well. It has Hon. A. G. Blair at Ottawa, and his successor elected without opposition.

Those "Liberals."

"Our Jed" has furnished us with report of the meeting held last Friday evening in Masonic Hall, Chatham, in response to the advertisement of Mr. Win. Kerr, President of Northumberland County Liberal Association, "for the purpose of selecting the future candidate to represent the Liberal Party in Northumberland County and to transact any were done or attempted, but out of regentlemen who participated in the prothat quite an assortment of alleged Liberal organizations had their representatives on hand, and a good deal of bickering took place as to the party standing of a number of these. It was finally ordered that the test should be payment of a fee and the signing of a roll, so as to exclude certain men who, it was alleged, had been forming Liberal clubs without proper authority. Chatham and Newcastle gentlemen were at loggerheads over this and accusations were made that a was little less instrumental in freeing the certain gentleman who was recently converted from bitter hostility to friendship ing that competent advice on the sub- for Mr. Blair, had entirely too much to Stowe, as the author of Uncle Tom's presented a government, by its executive, say for a new-comer. Another, a very prominent man in the party declared he hymn, no less grand than God Save the didn't care what they did, he was bound | Queen or the Marsellaise, echoed all the to have a certain fat office, which is now a | way from the Saint Croix to the Rio bone of contention amongst an ever in- Grande, and inspired thousands of faltercreasing company of applicants therefor. ing hearts to strike one more blow for to His Honor, and did he advise that a comengine house for the protection of the In fact the whole tone of the discussions God, country and right. The writer had so manifest a trend towards the pro- heard it sung by between 75,000 and motion of the chances of a score or two of | 100,600 veterans as they marched through engines in one house, when they are prominent "Liberals" to get offices, that Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, a few many left the meeting, declaring that days after the surrender of Lee at they were disgusted because everything Appomattox. Such a scene was never seemed to turn upon who should get the before witnessed on this continent. The offices. The absurdity of nominating a armies of the christian world may vet servative stripe in their positions, but it that the site of the building where the

vening the meeting and after many and 50 schooners. motions and amendments balloting was resorted to for the selection of a committee of three to instruct Mr. Laurier "as to who should"-as "Jed" puts it-"he awarded the pickings in the County of Northumberland." He says it was touch-

member of this committee of three. -It was his own and he was bowled out, together with quite a number of the same ilk. The choice fell upon Mr. W. S. Loggie of Chatham, Hon. J. P. Burchill of Nelson, and Mr. Patk. Hennessy, of Newcastle. It was urged by some that Mr. M.tchell, being the defeated candidate, should control the patronage, while the friends of Mr. Robinson wanted to know what the matter was with him. especially as the people of the County had elected him to represent them? It was objected that he had left the "Liberals" of the County in 1891, but the reply was that other prominent gentlemen now the Liberal fold-even one of the committee-had done the same thing, for the same reason that many left the meeting of last Friday night-because they were sick of party mismanagement and the childishness of the alleged leaders.

Should go to School.

in sorrow than in anger."

conservatives look with amusement and

real liberals of the old party, also, "more

In criticising the Governor-General' course in giving the reasons he did for refusing to sanction the late government's recommendations for certain appointment, we stated very plainly that His Excellency made no mistake in refusing his sanction, as such refusal was clearly within the scope of his powers. We find. however, that the Liberal Herald, which opens on the 22ad inst., they is as ready to misrepresent as it is dull of understanding and innocent of a know ledge of good English, says :-

"The ADVANCE severely censures Lord Aberdeen for not having given his sanction to the appointments the late Tupper government wished to make before its resignation. While few will credit the seriousness of the ADVANCE a much smaller number will agree with it."

What the ADVANCE said was :--"The mistake he made was not in reto town incorporation-to perpetuate fusing to sanction the recommendations of the obsolete system of building these his ministry. That ought to be clearly understood. It was undoubtedly within inadequate, flimsy and expensive the scope of his powers to exercise the perogative of the Crown as he thought best, and few will question the correctness of his action in reference to quite a large number of the appointments he refused have made such a bad break as Lord Aberdeen did in assigning purely party reasons for his action as the Crown's

If the Herald will submit the foregoing to some fourth grade school boy or girl, it will learn that it failed to understand what the ADVANCE said—that is, unless its outside political editor wilfully misstated our position, tactics of which, we regret to say, he is so persistently

"Zigzaggery."

If anything were neeled to demonstrate the fact that such gentlemen as Aldermen Nicol should refrain from dealing with work on our streets, it was furnished by his reference in the Town Council on Monday evening to the remarks of the ADVANCE concerning the zig zag lines on which the sidewalk curbs are laid on the south side of Water street. What we said last week was :-

"Each block on Water Street in that vicinity has a sidewalk with its curb of a other in its vicinity. The street is not treated as a whole, but the intelligent observer, looking east from Pallen's corner, is impressed with the fact that the controlling eye and mind directing the work has fixed the sidewalk line on each block as if it were the only one to be considered, the result being an exhibition of zigzaggery quite in keeping with the general administration of such matters.'

Ald. Nicol said he had taken the trouble to go to Pallen's corner and look along the street in question and he found that if the sidewalk were laid straight it would only be about two feet wide in other side of the street, a little below, were continued straight it would run across the

street further down. Now, that is just about what we would expect of a man of Alderman Nicol's nformed person, however, would, with the powers possessed by the alderman and his associates, have acquired the small portion of the Allen property encroaching upon the street, before laying a new sidewalk and vastly improved the lignment thereby. He would also have so curved the curbs of one block as to conform them to the alignment of the next. In this way the outer lines or untrained in such matters as those of

Alderman Nicol. It does not require a very astute mind to grasp the fact that two straight lines gradually approaching each other will meet if carried far enough, but the wonder to us is whence even Alderman Nicol evolved the idea that anyone outside of his seat in the Council would ever proon anything but curved lines. He or some other alderman has tried to do it-Mayor hit the mark when he suggested the necessity of the Council, or the Public Works Committee placing such work in the hands of some competent superinwith all due respect to the gentlemen of the committee, they have planned the work already done very badly.

"Advance's" St. John Letter. JULIA WARD HOWE-THE DAY'S NEWS-THE MARKETS, ETC. Julia Ward Howe, president of the A. A. W., who arrives her to-morrow. slaves of the Republic by writing her famous Battle Hymn than was Mrs. Cabin. In the early sixties that noble candidate for an election which would join in singing it in the streets of Conprobably not take place before about five stantinople.

Seven schooners are lying at Indiantown with cargoes of kilawood for Rock-

Lumber shipments from this port to U. K. and the continent during the first seven months of the present year were 125,758,667 feet of deals and 8,786 tons the face of one prominent agitator of the of timber, against 99,693,334 feet of deals Mitchellite faction when he found that he and 7,180 tons of timber during the had only one ballot in his favor as corresponding months last year.

A lunatic who escaped from the asylum here about three weeks ago has been heard from in Portland, Maine. He made the journey to that city on foot. Sturgeon-fishing in the St. John proves anremunerative. Next season the fishermen will try their luck on the coast of Labrador.

Twelve carloads of granite arrived here yesterday for shipment to New York. The maritime boards of trade me t in this city on the 29th inst.

Two runaway boys from Boston with pockets full of cigarettes, but no money. were sent back by steamer last Saturday. Thirteen deaths were reported in the city last week: four from consumption and three from cholera infantum. George S. DeForest & Sons quote

oatmeal and cornmeal a shade

lower than last week. Flour is un-

changed, but Oatario is a little weaker. together it is a fine muddle, upon which Provisions of all kinds are depressed. Medium codfish, owing to large arrivals is a shade lower in price. New packed canned vegetables are now arriving and prices are lower than ever before. Assorted lots of corn, peas and tomatoes are sold as low as 68 cents per dozen. Cream tartar is two cents per pound lower. Hops have declined one cent per pound. Messrs. DeForest are in receipt of their first fall shipment of teas from China and in a few days will warehouse a large lot of the famous Union Blend from London. At the exhibition, which young ladies will dispense Union Blend tea and other light refreshments to thirsty

> St. John, Sept. 14 When the hair has fallen out, leaving the head bald, if the scalp is not shiny, there is a chance of regaining the hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

and hungry visitors.

The Mitchellite Scribe of the Miramichi "Pickings Club" poses in The Montreal "Witness" as a Liberal.

The activity of the genus Mitchellite, is not confined to securing Ittle confor wood for Dominion public buildings already purchased at the proper season from good liberals,-to making recommendations of unsuitable persons to vacant public offices, -fighting over candidates for offices not vacant, as well as over those for two when there are duties for only one-all of which afford amusement for both Liberal and Conservative onlookers of the Miramichi: but it finds an outlet even as far away as the headquarters of Mr. Mitchell in Montreal, with the view of injuring Hon. A. G. Blair and other leading men of New Brunswick in the estimation of their friends and confreres at Otiawa. Liberal," who is one of the Chatham political agitators said to be constantly writing from here to Mr. Laurier and Mr. Tarte in the guise of a friend of their party, but who was never recognized by the Liberals of the County until 1887. has found his way into the "Witness with a maliciously untruthful letter, to which the editor of that paper appended some remarks that were in the nature of a rebuke. The letter brought out different alignment from that of any reply from "An old Liberal" of th Miramichi and we publish the whole because of its interest from both a local well as Provincial and Dominion point of view.

MR. BLAIR'S RECORD. (To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir, -A correspondent in your columns, who attempted to reply to my letter in your issue of July 16 has asserted that] have a grievance. Well, in a certain sense this is true, but not exactly as his letter would imply, I have a grievance with espect to Mr. Blair's manner of conducting the affairs of our province, notably with respect to what is of great moment to the

For many years the old system of stum page was in existence, and Mr. Blair claimed were grievances, but when this very astute politician saw himself defeated at the polls he effected what has been termed 'the iniquitous Northumberland deal,' by which he captured the not unwilling big four. Messrs. Robinson, Tweedie, Burchill and O'Brien, thus sustaining his corrupt administration for another tenure of office upon revenues of a decade, verily a master stroke of statesmanship, or may I term it wood-Snowball, who is brother-in-law of the Hon. F. P. Thompson, who is also a partisan of much this deal has cost the province it is hard to ascertain, thanks to the system of bookkeeping indulged in by the heads of departments, but it is safe to say that it has not benefited in any shape or form the one whom it was pretended to serve, the small operator, or the genus lumberman. I have also a grievance when I conside the great mistake which I foresee is being made by that eminent statesman, Mr. Laurier, in permitting his partly-informed

advisers to force Mr. Blair into his cabinet. and your readers may very p runently ask why? In answer to the pre-supposed question I may say that Mr. Blair is certainly a discredited politician. I dare not call him a statesman, and in addition to the reasons set out in my last letter let me draw your attention to the formal charges criticism of last week. His Worship the formulated and preferred against him by a large number of his opposition in the Legislature of New Brunswick about four years since. These charges embodied various offenses, from falsifying accounts to wholecharges which set out at great length the various circumstances under which the alleged offences were committed. If, speaking from memory, I am correct, the charges included the celebrated Leary dock construction the Central Railway affair, the cooking of accounts in the matters of construction of a number of bridges throughout the province, and the matters connected with the floating of the bonds of the Northern and Western Railway. Those transactions represented large interests and per se also represented large sums of public money; but was that all these matters stood Well, not quite; they represented a fair, honest, reasonable and equitable disposition of public affairs or otherwise repromising an honest, honorable, statesmanlike and patriotic policy-or otherwise, And the petitioners asked that a commission of impartial judges be appointed to enquire into the charges so formulated and report to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. But the Hon. A. G. Blair was chief adviser mission the empannelled? Oh, no! that Mr. Blair. They have ever been in full him. The Province approved of his course Newcastle at 12.39 Newcastle time.

Berhaps your correspondent may still consider that I have a grievance. hope he may. But there are yet some 'grievances' to be considered. I touched lightly in my former communication up on the attempts which were being made to continue the office holders of the Conwould exhaust the reasonable bounds of a letter such as this to follow all the sinuosities and devious ways by which they

Apropos of this, however, I may refer to an alleged offer by the Hon. Senator Snowball to allow Mr. Blair to take his position in the Senate in order to qualify as Mini-ter of Railways. Of course Mr. Snowball would by this stupendous generosity receive the patronage of this county, and stand a fair chance under the new Minister of Railways, of securing his outstanding claim against the government for work on the Indiantown branch, as well as execute another harlequin trick of jumping the fence once more.

Will the Hon. Mr. Laurier not be warned in time? Will he not open his eyes to the attempts that are being made to disintegrate the Liberal party? Will he not trust the well-tried and staunch followers who know the situation from actual fighting, when the issue was doubtful, rather than the halfhearted, the self-seeking and the doubting, who are always ready to throw up their caps and shout the praises of the winner. The community of interest which can be plainly traced between A. G. Blair, J. B. Snowball and the Conservative partizans of this county, of whom J. B. Snowball is chief, should cause Mr. Laurier to pause. A LIBERAL.

Miramichi, N. B., Aug. 18, 1896. REMARKS BY THE EDITOR OF THE WITNESS. It is, no doubt, hard for men who have been stalwart Liberals all their lives to stand aside and witness the promotion to a Liberal cabinet of an opportunist such as they count Mr. Blair; but we think the above letter would have been stronger if it had limited itself to Mr. Blair's alleged moral delinquencies and not revealed the cause of quarrel. Doubtless there are many Liberals in New Brunswick who take an altogether different view of the matters record and character of Mr. Blair, the Minister of Railways and Canals. We should be glad to have their side of the question for the benefit of the readers of the Witness.' The more that is publicly known of the public record of the members of the government, and, indeed, of all public leaders and men the better. Mr. Blair must stand high in the esteem of a great many Liberals and Conservatives of New Brunswick as he has been Premier of the coalition government of the province since March, 1883, a period of thirteen years. His cabinet was composed of three Conservatives, three Liberals and one Prohibition ist, and a Conservative, Mr. James Mitchell

MR. BLAIR'S RECORD."

(To the Editor of the "Witness.) SIR:-Your correspondent, a "Liberal" hose letter headed, "Mr. Blair's Record, plays a spirit of vindictiveness and a reckessuess of statement which ought to be his

To us, who live on the Miramichi and know al! the parties, it is one of many demonstrations we have had of the lengths to which ill-balanced writers and disappointed political plotters, will go when they realise that they and their motives are too well known at home for their utterances to damage their neighbors, but are willing to seek any avenue, however remote, through which to relieve themselves of their venom. The friends, as well as the opponents of

Mr. Blair will read "A Liberal's" statements regarding the Stumpage question in New Brunswick, and that gentleman's course in connection with it, as premier of the Provwith no lttle surprise, -su prise, however, which must be greatly increased by the attacks in the same connection upon such well known Liberals as Messrs. J. B. Snowball, J. P. Burchill and F. P. Thompon, which follow. To those who know Mr. Blair and the other gentlemen named, the conclusion is inevitable that the assault upon them comes from one of the so-called "Liberals" of the Miramichi who were instrumental in breaking up the Liberal party here in 1891, by ignoring the Northamberland County Liberal Association in making the nomination of the House of Commons candidate in the general election of that year.

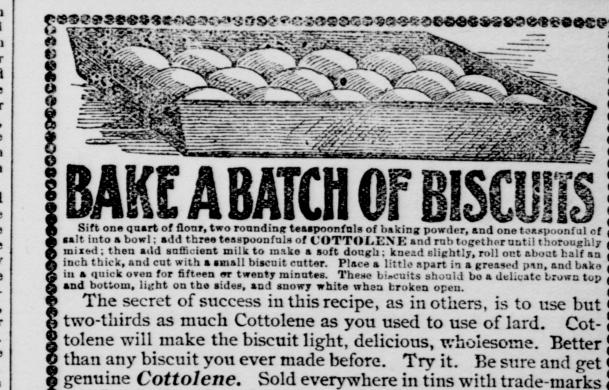
Mr. Blair's record as a Liberal needs no defence anywhere. Mr. F. P. Thompson has always been a Liberal, was, on more than one occasion, the candidate of the party in York; Mr. Snowball was aided by Mr. Burchill in the contests of 1874 and 1878, in both of which the former gentleman ran against Mr. Peter Mitchell. Liberal" who writes to you abusing vessrs. Blair, Snowball, Burchill and Thompson, was really never a liberal. When Mr. Snowball defeated Mr. Mitchell in 1878 "A Liberal" was one of those who frantically applauded the latter on declaration day when he said, at the Court House in Newcastle, "I feel more proud, standing here as the defeated lieutenant of Sir John A. Macdonal i than if I were elected as J. B. Snowball is, to go to Ottawa and sit in opposition with old Saudy Mackenzie."

Unfortunately for the Liberal party Northumberland, our Association, at the argent solicitation of Hon. Edward Blake, accepted Mr. Mitchell as its candidate in 1887-that easy-going ex-Tory having, inhabitants of the County of Northumber- between the time of his defeat as a conservative and protectionist in 1878 and then professed the Liberal faith. He brought withstood all efforts on the part of the with him into our party a lot of personal large operators to remedy what they followers who were opportunists, like himself, and whose political training had been in a pretty low-grade Tory school. No sooner had we elected Mr. Mitchell than this element endeavored to dominate those who had lifted them from their forme level, in all matters of politics--federal. the old lines of extravagance, and at the provincial and municipal -until they became same time securing at one grand haul the a nuisance. Their lack of principal and respectable political training, rendered impossible for the old time Liberals of the more to be benefited than the Hon. J. B. County to associate with them. The old Snowball, the largest lumber operator in Liberal leaders had practically ceased to perhaps the whole province—the same Mr. have anything to do with them in 1890, especially because they had done their bes curbs would not be offensive to eyes Mr. Blair's, if not a relative as well. How to play into the hands of the provincia opposition, which was fighting Mr. Blair the liberal premier of the New Brunswick coalition government. These Mitchelites knew that the liberals intended to nominate Mr. Burchill for the House of Commons in 1891, so, in order to thwart them, the captured Mr. Wm. Kerr, the president the Liberal Association of the countyrespectable but inexperienced man-and ignoring the Association and its rules re garding party nominations, put Pete Mitchell forward in the name of the Liberal party, against the protests of the party leaders; and they persisted in their refusal to allow the Associat on to have any voice The result of this high handed course wa

that the Liberal party suffered the odium of defeat, for while some of its best men became mugwumps, so far as Mr. Mitchell was concerned, others supported Mr. Adams, the Conservative candidate, plainly declar ing at the same time, that it was because their determination that Mr. Mitchell, hi following and their methods should cease to have, any longer, ruling power in North umberland. Defeat was therefore the ex perience of the party on that occasion. Defeat was their experience in the byeelection last spring, and defeat overtook them again on 23rd June last. They have since 1891 invariably met with defeat. It was not the Liberals of Miramichi who were beaten, however, but the faction headed by Mr. Mitchell's old Tory heelers, together with the weaklings of the ol . Liberal party, whose principal occupation is to abuse and misrepresent every self-respecting and election-winning Liberal, not only in the county but the province at large.

fellowship and sympathy with such speci- on that occasion, for it has returned an As-Senator Adams, the St. John Sun, the Moncton Times; Mr. Geo. Foster's apapial Mr. Blair resigned the premiership, the organ, the Fredericton Gleaner and other other day, to accept the office of Dominion

exponents of Tory vindictiveness. You will, therefore, understand, Editor, that if one is to be judged by the which give expression to his sentiments There are now in port, uncleared, three are attempting to bring this about regarding public men, neither Mr. Blair



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the province. Their leases of the limits op- | phantly vindicated. erated on, ran for only ten years. Their also at that price. The Crown lumber prices by private parties, or as railway | "gnashing their teeth." bonuses by incorporated companies. These private and corporate interests were constantly influencing the government to maintain the high rate of stumpage, fo

while that was done it was the easier for them to exact corresponding rates on their When the North Shore lumbermen-time after time-went to Fredericton and presented to the government their claims for a reduction of stumpage, Mr. Blair, as premier, would admit the justice of their contentions. but state the fact that a majority of the legislature, from St. John and southern constituencies-representing the interests of their localities and being anxious to maintain the provincial revenues-would not support the government in granting the relief asked. Northumberland, being the largest centre of lumber operations on Crown Lands, it made this matter a questtion at the polls in 1890, and the leader of the opposition candidates declared in his nomination speech that if one of the Northamberland members were given a seat in the government, and a reduction of stumpage granted, he and his associates would be satisfied and give Mr. Blair a fair support. This, as you will perceive, was an honest declaration of the opposition platform | to Bay du Vin, Church Point, Neguac, and of that time, so far as Northumberland was

In the general Provincial election which ollowed, St. John sent its six members 3 p. m. against the government because of a little religious question, the former solicitorgeneral -a Catholic-having been appointed to the police magistracy of that city. Noting this fact, and remembering that he had alienated his former Northumberland supthe reasonable public man that he is, said one rate on any excursion day. Just think claims. He found that he had six represen- Miramichi river for thirty cents ! tatives against him from St. John, which constituency, notwithstanding his losing North Shore support at the instance of its members on the stumpage question, had angratefully deserted him on so small a matter as the appointment of a police magistrate, so he disarmed Northumberland's opposition by conceding the measure of ustice its members demanded. This, in brief, is the history of the "Northumberland deal" and the great crime charged against Mr. Blair by "A Liberal" It is untrue that Mr. Blair's Government was defeated in 1890 as stated by "A

Liberal." He had a majority of four, even mens of political consistency as the present sembly at two general elections, since, with increased government majorities, and when Chatham. Minister of Railways and Canals, his supporters in the House numbered thirty seven while the opposition counted only company he keeps and the political organs nine. How then can "A Liberal" any Mr. Blair is "a discredited politician?"

nor Mr. Laurier ought to feel that they have al" as having been made against Mr. Blair much to depend upon in the professed friend- and his government, several of them are ship of a faction represented by such writers original with that writer and I have read them for the first time in your paper. Let me, before concluding, briefly refer to Others are simply campaign canards of the Mr. Blair's action in regard to our lumber Tory newspapers. Every charge hinted at interests. - For years prior to 1890, the in the legislature, and which Mr. Blair lumbermen of New Brunswick who operated | could induce his accusers to formulate, so on Crown Lands, had been obliged to pay a that it could be investigated in the usual stumpage tax of \$1.25 per thousand super- parliamentary way, has been disproved, and ficial feet on spruce—the staple log-stock of he and his government have been trium-

I do not think there is anyone on the market was the United Kingdom and conti- Miramichi who will take the personal nent, where their deals had to compete with responsibility of assailing Mr. Blair and the those of Quebec and Nova Scotia. Their others named as your correspondent has Quelec competitors paid only some 60c. per | done, and I venture the statement that "a thousand feet for stumpage and held their Liberal" is simply one of the oft-beaten limits practically in perpetuity. In Nova henchmen of Hon. Peter Mitchell-one of Scotia, the lumbermen bought all the lumber | the faction of disappointed ex-Tories-who lands they required at forty cents per acre, are responsible for the relationships now exso that their logs cost them less than fifty siting between the old Liberals of the cents per thousand stumpage, and they Miramichi and the party at large-those who became owners of the land in fee simple | became liberals nine years ago for the first time; who expressed the hope that Mr. lands of New Brunswick are nearly all Blair would be defeated in the recent located in the northern counties, the lumber | Queens-Sunbury election, and who, when areas in the southern counties having been | the news of his handsome majority reached secured years ago by purchase at nominal us, left the telegraph office practically

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